

**CLARK COUNTY**  
**CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Notes**  
Wednesday, January 5, 2005  
6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Public Works Operations Conference Room  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street

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Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Tim Crawford, Anne Jackson, Bill Owen, Art Stubbs, Judy Thoet, and Virginia VanBreeman

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Robbie Agard, Susan Rasmussen, and Judy Schramm

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Earl Rowell, and Rod Swanson

Clark County Community Development Staff

Richard Drinkwater and Travis Goddard

**Call to Order**

*Introduction*

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, the public, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

*Agenda and material review*

The material for the meeting includes:

1. 1/5/05 Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda
2. 12/1/04 Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes
3. 2005 Clean Water Commission Members
4. E-mail dated 1/4/05 noting Betty Sue Morris as chair of the Board of County Commissioners
5. 2005-2006 Clark County Public Works Clean Water Fund Budget
6. Criteria for Ranking 2004-05 Capital Projects
7. Clark County Clean water Commission Clean Water Fee – Incentive Program
8. 2003-04 Clean Water Program Budget as of November 30, 2004
9. Clean Water Program: Capital Improvements 2003-2006

*Selection for Clean Water Commission Chair and Vice-chair*

Ms. Jackson nominated Mr. Stubbs to be retained as Chair of the Clean Water Commission.

Mr. Owen seconded the nomination.

Ms. Jackson nominated Mr. Owen as Vice-chair of the Clean Water Commission.

Ms. Thoet seconded the nomination.

All present Clean Water Commission members approved Mr. Stubbs as Chair and Mr. Owen as Vice-chair of the Clean Water Commission for 2005.



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### *Meeting Notes*

Mr. Owen requested the December 1, 2004 Clean Water Commission meeting notes be corrected in the following manner:

*The Clean Water Commissioners presented Mr. Harold Frisby, of Hockinson, an award for his efforts on the leaking oil brochure.*

### *Low Impact Development*

Mr. Swanson provided some background information on Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Goddard who were to speak with the Clean Water Commission regarding low-impact development; Mr. Goddard is a planner that is knowledgeable about how the County applies regulations to low-impact development projects. Mr. Drinkwater is the manager of the Development Engineering section that reviews plans for development projects.

Mr. Drinkwater added that they also review and process Clean Water projects such as the Salmon Creek/Hwy. 99 filter.

Mr. Drinkwater provided information on the current stormwater code (code) that might allow for low-impact developments. The stormwater code states that if you have an exception to the code, such as a low-impact development that wasn't allowed under the current stormwater ordinance you can request a hearing with a hearings examiner. The hearings examiner would decide whether you would be able to vary from the code.

The code allows for an experimental BMP (Best Management Practice), one that has never been used and one that is not recognized by Washington Department of Ecology or any other authority groups in the state, but it would need to be tested for two years to make sure that it is doing what it is supposed to be doing. If it is successful at the end of the two years a report is required so others can take advantage of the BMP.

Ms. Jackson asked what happens if the experimental BMP does not work.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that you would have to replace it with a standard BMP.

Mr. Drinkwater went on to say that there is room in the Clark County Codes for partnering, or late comers agreements, which states that if you see an opportunity for a facility that could be used by others, the code allows you to create a late comers agreement.

Ms. Thoet stated that the Clean Water Commission is interested in knowing what codes or ordinances Clark County currently has that encourages low impact development. The Clean Water Commission would then determine if they were interested in building on those codes and ordinances.

Mr. Stubbs asked Mr. Drinkwater if there were builders that were interested in doing low-impact development but are hesitant to do so.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that the Vancouver Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity might be a good opportunity for a partnership project.

Ms. Thoet asked if it was possible to change the codes to reflect those low-impact developments that do work.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that it is possible to change the code. He also suggested looking into the things that are already working, such as green roofs, which lessen the impact of stormwater runoff.



Mr. Rowell briefly discussed the 2005-2006 Clean Water Program budget with the Clean Water Commissioners. Out of the ten million budgeted, the capital program makes up approximately three million of that budget, operations and maintenance makes up another two million.

Mr. Rowell reviewed the criteria for ranking Capital projects with the Clean Water Commissioners.

Mr. Rowell reminded the Clean Water Commissioners that on January 19, 2005, Mr. Strick would be holding a Clean Water Program training which will review a power point presentation on the Clean Water Program that can be given at public meetings; all Clean Water Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Thoet noted that she was part of a selection committee for the small acreage outreach educator position that is funded partially by Clean Water Fund dollars. Erin Hardwood was chosen to fill the position.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Clean Water Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at the Public Works Maintenance and Operations Conference Room, 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelli Frost

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